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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

CASE NO.: PT-0043 US NA

RICHARD ALLEN HAYES

GROUP ART UNIT: 1711

APPLICATION NO.: 09/927,731

EXAMINER: S. ACQUAH

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FOR: SULFONATED ALIPHATIC-AROMATIC COPOLYESTERS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of pending claims 1 through 12.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In showing the changes, deleted material is shown as bracket text and inserted material is shown as underlined.

1. A copolyester having an inherent viscosity of equal to or greater than about 0.3 dL/g comprising

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